GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN DEMAND FOR POLYTECHNICS
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the demand for polytechnics in the country has been declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of measures taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) : There has been increase in the number of Polytechnics in Engineering & Technology approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) inthe country, the numbers being 1096 in 1999-2000; 1129 in 2000- 2001; and 1221 in 2001-2002. However, in the recent past, there has been increasing job potential for graduates in Information Technology (IT) and allied disciplines in the job market. Resultantly, there has been more demand for Degree level technical education as compared to Diploma level (Polytechnic) technical education.

(c) : Emphasis is given to introduction of more courses in IT and allied disciplines in the Polytechnics.